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Dear Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action Mailed July 21, 2006 that rejected claims 1-52, 54, 55, 58, 63 and 80. The Specification is amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection of Claim 49 based on 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Claims are also amended by the correction of some typographical errors and the addition of new Claims. Arguments and references are presented that obviate the Examiner's rejections of Claims 1-44, 46, 50-52, 58, 63, and 80 based on 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In addition, the amendment of the Specification overcomes the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-44 based on 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

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Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's provisional rejection of Claims 1-49, 54-55, 58 and 80 based on obviousness-type double patenting in view of Claim 24 in co-pending application 11/106363.

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